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Dear Cyril,

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd. I have written the letter that should more than exhaust my administrative remedies and, if there is no response or a repeated denial, in the near future I can file for the raw materials of the panels reports. I'll go over this with Bud, but I'll have to be my own lawyer. I'll keep you posted. I do look forward to your being able to get here. The sooner the better, for you should see what I have. I'd like also to check some hunches with you before making even a gesture where they lead.

Tow other things:

In retrospect, a comment you made about John before the Hallock hearing somehow gave me the idea you do not hold him in highest esteem. This requires no answer or response of any kind, for I do not intend either embarrasing you or eliciting your opinion. However, aside from his obvious eccentricities and enormous ego, he has been behaving both badly and dishonestly. To say he is a crook is not to exaggerate. He has duplicated the work of others in at least two instances and obtained (worthless, let me add) copyrights. This is far from all. I have just written him in a manner though should permanently rupture any relations. He has wasted vast time for me while systematically engaged in espionage to ferret out what he promised to leave alone as a condition of my showing it to him . It is a perhaps accurate measure of his capabilities to tell you that he says he has not been able to duplicate some, where he is candid enough to admit the violation of his word. His original suit was entirely incompetent. I shudder to think of the amendments and I am sick at the thought of the time I put in to try and help salvage it, needed to prevent the disaster to all of us.

If you are going to attend the Western Conference on Criminal and Civil Problems, Wichita, 5/14-6, I hope you can get an extra copy of the "Special Panel on Medico-Legal Aspects of Assessinations" for me. Rose is one of the panelists. I wonder if this is the one on which Fisher had agreed to serve and then backed out? If there is a wholesale rate (!) I'm certain many others would like copies. If, as often happens, it is taped, I'd very much like one. The slow speed (1 7/8) is fine for me and usually cheaper when available, requiring much less tape., There may be other aspects that will interest me, but this one in particular will.

Thanks for whatever you can do.

Sincerely,